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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/727,488	Applicant(s) ARTSIELY, EYAL	
	Examiner Lloyd A. Gall	Art Unit 3676	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 August 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-20 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 21 and 22 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 18, 19 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bernardo (5,350,213).

As seen in fig. 8, Bernardo teaches a method of locking a vehicle accessory 30, including providing a cylinder lock defined by the key actuated lock (column 6, line 19), a tumbler defined by handle 36, a coupling member 130 as seen in fig. 8 linked to the tumbler, first and second vehicle locking elements 56 connected to, and on opposite sides of the coupling member 130, the locking elements being arranged at a 180 degree angle (non-zero) with respect to one another, wherein the free end of the locking elements 56 which extends from the element 74 in fig. 8 defines a locking attachment, wherein rotating the tumbler 36 moves the locking elements 56 to lock the accessory 30. With respect to claims 19 and 23, the locking elements 56 are geometrically locked to the coupling member by elements 38, 132 in fig. 8, which includes a connecting element 38 and a wrist pin 132.

Claims 18-20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hanon (2,055,289).

Hanon teaches a method of locking a vehicle accessory (H), including providing a cylinder lock 5, a rotatable tumbler defined by handle 1, a coupling member 11, 14

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rotationally linked to the tumbler as seen in fig. 2, and locking elements 19, 20 arranged at a 180 degree angle (non-zero) with respect to one another and geometrically connected to the coupling member 11, 14 by a wrist pin 17, 18 and a connecting element (apertures 16). Rotation of the tumbler and coupling member allows the locking elements 19, 20 to translate at least to a degree along their axes to lock and unlock the accessory (H). With respect to claim 20, the coupling member 11, 14 also includes a worm drive 10 which is also connected to the locking elements 19, 20 through the element 14.

Claims 18, 19 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McDonald et al (2,885,931).

McDonald teaches a method of locking and unlocking a vehicle accessory (hub cap), including a tumbler defined by the rotatable barrel of the lock (column 2, line 34), a cylinder lock 46, the tumbler rotationally connected to a coupling member 52, plural vehicle locking elements 25, 26, 27, 28 which are arranged at a 90 degree angle (non-zero) with respect to one another, wherein rotation of the tumbler also rotates the coupling member 52 and allows the locking elements 25-28 to translate at least to a degree along their axes to lock and unlock the accessory hub cap. The locking elements 25-28 are geometrically locked to the coupling member 52 by a wrist pin 53 and connecting element (the holes which receive pin 53 in fig. 5) connection.

Claims 21 and 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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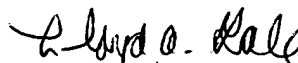
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lloyd A. Gall whose telephone number is 571-272-7056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on 571-272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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